IN THE CLAIMS:

Please re-write the claims to read as follows:

1   1. (Previously Presented): A method for generating a unique subordinate resource name,

2   said method comprising the steps of:

3   identifying a first subordinate resource and a related first superior resource;

4   ascertaining the name of said first superior resource;

5   truncating said first superior resource name to form a first truncated name;

6   obtaining a first counter number from a global counter;

7   appending said first counter number to said first truncated name to form a first

8   appended name;

9   assigning said first appended name to said first subordinate resource;

10   identifying a second subordinate resource and a related second superior resource;

11   ascertaining the name of said second superior resource;

12   truncating said second superior resource name to form a second truncated name;

13   incrementing said global counter to obtain a second counter number;

14   appending said second counter number to said second truncated name to form a

15   second appended name; and

16   assigning said second appended name to the second subordinate resource.

1   2. (Previously Presented): The method of claim 1 wherein said step of truncating com-

2   prises:

3   a step of dropping the last n characters of said first and second superior resource

4   names, where $n \geq 3$.

1   3. (Canceled).

1   4. (Previously Presented): The method of claim 2 wherein said counter numbers are at

2   least three digits in length.

1   5. (Previously Presented): A method for generating a unique subordinate resource name,

2   said method comprising the steps of:

3   identifying a first subordinate resource and a related first superior resource;

4   ascertaining the name of said first superior resource;

5   obtaining a first counter number of n digits from a global counter;

6   substituting said first counter number for n characters in said first superior re-

7   source name to form a first name;

8   assigning said first name to said first subordinate resource;

9   identifying a second subordinate resource and a related second superior resource;

10   ascertaining the name of said second superior resource;

11   incrementing said global counter to obtain a second counter number; and

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12   substituting said second counter number in said second superior resource name to form a

13   second name; and

14   assigning said second name to the second subordinate resource.

1   6. (Original): The method of claim 5 wherein $n \geq 3$.

1   7. (Canceled).

1   8. (Currently Amended) A method for generating unique subordinate resource names,

2   comprising:

3   identifying one or more subordinate resources, each of the one or more subordi-

4   nate resources related to one of one or more superior resources;

5   truncating a name of the one or more superior resources;

6   generating a unique identification (ID) number from a global counter; and

7   naming each of the one or more subordinate resources as a combination of the

8   truncated name of its related superior resource and an the identification (ID) number, the

9   ID number unique to each of the one or more subordinate resources across all of the one

10   or more superior resources.

1   9. (Cancelled)

1   10. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 9 8, further comprising:

2   incrementing the global counter for each subordinate resource to obtain a unique

3   counter number.

1   11. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 8, further comprising:

2   truncating n characters of the superior resource name, where n is greater than or

3   equal to three.

1   12. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 8, further comprising:

2   using one or more physical units (PUs) as the one or more superior resources.

1   13. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 8, further comprising:

2   using one or more logical units (LUs) as the one or more subordinate resources.

1   14. (Currently Amended) A system, comprising:

2   one or more superior resources, each of the one or more superior resources having

3   a name;

4   a global counter to create a counter number, the counter number to be used as a

5   unique ID number; and

6   one or more subordinate resources, each of the one or more subordinate resources

7   related to one of the one or more superior resources, each of the one or more subordinate

8   resources being named as a combination of a truncated name of its related superior re-

9   source and ~~an~~ <u>the</u> identification (ID) number, the ID number unique to each of the one or

10   more subordinate resources across all of the one or more superior resources.

1   15. (Cancelled)

1   16. (Currently Amended) The system of claim ~~15~~ <u>14</u>, further comprising:

2   the global counter incremented for each subordinate resource to obtain a unique

3   counter number.

1   17. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 14, further comprising:

2   the truncated name formed by truncating n characters of the superior resource

3   name, where n is greater than or equal to three.

1   18. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 14, further comprising:

2   a server in communicating relationship with the one or more superior resources.

1   19. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 18, further comprising:

2   a computer network for use as the communicating relationship.

1   20. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 14, further comprising:

2   one or more physical units (PUs) as the one or more superior resources.

1   21. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 14, further comprising:

2   one or more logical units (LUs) as the one or more subordinate resources.

1   22. (Currently Amended) A system, comprising:

2   means for identifying one or more subordinate resources, each of the one or more

3   subordinate resources related to one of one or more superior resources;

4   means for truncating a name of the one or more superior resources;

5   means for generating a unique identification (ID) number from a global counter;

6   and

7   means for naming each of the one or more subordinate resources as a combination

8   of the truncated name of its related superior resource and an the identification (ID) num-

9   ber, the ID number unique to each of the one or more subordinate resources across all of

10   the one or more superior resources.

1   23. (Currently Amended) A computer readable media, comprising: the computer read-

2   able media containing instructions for execution on a processor for the practice of the

3   method of,

4   identifying one or more subordinate resources, each of the one or more subordi-

5   nate resources related to one of one or more superior resources;

6   truncating a name of the one or more superior resources;

7   generating a unique identification (ID) number from a global counter; and

8   naming each of the one or more subordinate resources as a combination of the

9   truncated name of its related superior resource and ~~an~~ the identification (ID) number, the

10   ID number unique to each of the one or more subordinate resources across all of the one

11   or more superior resources.

1   24. (Currently Amended) Electromagnetic signals propagating on a computer network,

2   comprising:

3   the electromagnetic signals carrying instructions for execution on a processor for

4   the practice of the method of,

5   identifying one or more subordinate resources, each of the one or more subordi-

6   nate resources related to one of one or more superior resources;

7   truncating a name of the one or more superior resources;

8   <u>generating a unique identification (ID) number from a global counter; and</u>

9   naming each of the one or more subordinate resources as a combination of the

10   truncated name of its related superior resource and ~~an~~ the identification (ID) number, the

11   ID number unique to each of the one or more subordinate resources across all of the one

12   or more superior resources.

1   25. (Previously Presented) A method for generating a unique subordinate resource

2   name, said method comprising the steps of:

3   identifying a subordinate resource and a related superior resource;

4   ascertaining the name of said superior resource;

5   truncating said superior resource name to form a truncated name;

6   obtaining a counter number from a counter;

7   appending said counter number to said truncated name to form an appended

8 name; and

9   assigning said appended name to said subordinate resource.

1 26. (Previously Presented)   The method of claim 25 wherein said step of truncating

2 comprises:

3   dropping the last n characters of said superior resource name,

4 where $n \geq 3$.

1 27. (Previously Presented)   The method of claim 25, further comprising:

2   incrementing the counter for each additional subordinate resource related to said

3 superior resource to obtain a unique counter number.

1 28. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 25, further comprising:

2   truncating n characters of the superior resource name.

1 29. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 25, further comprising:

2   selecting a unique number by the global counter for each subordinate resource of

3 a plurality of subordinate resources related to the superior resource.

1   30. (Previously Presented) An apparatus to generate a unique subordinate resource

2   name, said apparatus comprising the steps of:

3   means for identifying a subordinate resource and a related superior resource;

4   means for ascertaining the name of said superior resource;

5   means for truncating said superior resource name to form a truncated name;

6   means for obtaining a counter number from a counter;

7   means for appending said counter number to said truncated name to form an ap-

8   pended name; and

9   means for assigning said appended name to said subordinate resource.

1   31. (Previously Presented)   The apparatus of claim 30 wherein said step of truncating

2   comprises:

3   means for dropping the last n characters of said superior resource name,

4   where $n \geq 3$.

1   32. (Previously Presented)   The apparatus of claim 30, further comprising:

2   means for incrementing the counter for each additional subordinate resource re-

3   lated to said superior resource to obtain a unique counter number.

1   33. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 30, further comprising:

2   means for truncating n characters of the superior resource name.

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1   34. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 30, further comprising:

2   means for selecting a unique number by the counter for each subordinate resource

3   of a plurality of subordinate resources related to the superior resource.

1   35. (Previously Presented) A server, comprising:

2   a first superior resource, the superior resource selected from a plurality of superior

3   resources, the first superior resource having a name;

4   a fist subordinate resource related to the superior resource, the first subordinate

5   resource selected from a plurality of subordinate resources;

6   means for truncating said first superior resource name to form a truncated name;

7   a counter to produce a globally unique number;

8   means for appending said number to said truncated name to form an appended

9   name; and

10   means for assigning said appended name to said first subordinate resource to gen-

11 erate a unique subordinate resource name for said first subordinate resource.

1   36. (Previously Presented) The server as in claim 35, further comprising:

2   said counter selecting a unique number for each subordinate resource of said plu-

3   rality of subordinate resources.

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1 Please add new claims 37 *et al.*

1 37. (New) A method for generating a unique subordinate resource name, said method

2 comprising the steps of:

3 identifying a subordinate resource and a related superior resource;

4 ascertaining the name of said superior resource;

5 truncating said superior resource name to form a truncated name;

6 obtaining a first counter number from a global counter;

7 appending said first counter number to said truncated name to form a first ap-

8 pended name; and

9 assigning said first appended name to said first subordinate resource.

1 38. (New) The method of claim 37, further comprising:

2 incrementing the global counter for each subordinate resource to obtain a unique

3 counter number.

1 39. (New) The method of claim 37, further comprising:

2 truncating n characters of the superior resource name, where n is greater than or

3 equal to three.

1 40. (New) An apparatus for generating a unique subordinate resource name, comprising:

2 means for identifying a subordinate resource and a related superior resource;

3 means for ascertaining the name of said superior resource;

4 means for truncating said superior resource name to form a truncated name;

5 means for obtaining a first counter number from a global counter;

6   means for appending said first counter number to said truncated name to form a

7 first appended name; and

8   means for assigning said first appended name to said first subordinate resource.

1 41. (New) The apparatus of claim 40, further comprising:

2   means for incrementing the global counter for each subordinate resource to obtain

3 a unique counter number.

1 42. (New) The apparatus of claim 40, further comprising:

2   means for truncating n characters of the superior resource name, where n is

3 greater than or equal to three.